

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend paragraph [0054] on p. 14 as shown:

Fig. 6 is a view for explaining one example of the above processing. This example is an example of the case where a partition with a size 1024 is requested when the final undefined region starts from a sector number 512 (Fig. 6A). Since the size 1024 is not aligned with the sector number 512 as a starting position of the final defined region, the partition management execution unit 102 sets a region from the sector number 512 up to and including the sector number 1023 as an empty undefined region, and creates the partition with the size 1024 at the sector number 1024. Furthermore, the partition management execution unit 102 sets, as a final undefined region, a region of a sector number 2048 and thereafter, which region is a remaining region (Fig. 6B). The partition management execution unit 102 updates the partition management table 103, and creates and updates a header portion.